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It Is Coming —

LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY

If evil were stronger than God, He would never have sent His Son to show us how to overcome it. God in His wisdom knew that evil could be defeated. God in the person of His Son faced the cruel facts of evil and pain and death unflinchingly for us. The crucifixion was the seeming triumph of evil, and God allowed it, but the resurrection was God's secret weapon and with it He triumphed by demonstrating His power to replace evil, suffering, and death with the creative force of love and life. The resurrection tells more about God and His power to overcome evil than any other event in history.—From **THE SECRET OF EFFECTIVE PRAYER** by Helen Smith Shoemaker (Fleming H. Revell Company).

NOTICES

The Pentecostal Churches of the Atlanta Pentecostal Fellowship are having one week of simultaneous revival, May 22 through May 29. In this special week of meetings we are emphasizing Pentecost. The climax of this great Pentecostal endeavor will be held at the Church of God Campground on Highway 23, eighteen miles from Atlanta. Special singing and music will be rendered at this great Pentecostal Rally Sunday afternoon, May 29, at 2:30 p.m. Our special speaker for this occasion will be the Reverend Ray H. Hughes, National Sunday School and Youth Director of the Church of God. It is our desire, as the Atlanta Pentecostal Fellowship, to encourage everyone to come to this rally.—Ariel S. Yorkman, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Minnesota Camp Meeting will convene in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 2-5.

The Texas Camp Meeting will convene at the Campground in Weatherford, Texas, June 3-10. George Lemons will be the morning speaker and Earl P. Paulk, Sr., will be the night speaker.

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COVER PICTURE

"Daily Vacation Bible School Time" — by Harold M. Lambert
The goal of every state this year should be a school in every church. The goal of every church should be to enroll every child in Daily Vacation Bible School.

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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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The Message of Deliverance

By J. DAVID PITTS, Pastor, Louisville, Kentucky

IF I AM CHARGED with preaching a gospel of complete deliverance, salvation for the soul, peace for the mind, and healing for the body, then I plead guilty. If I am accused of preaching the adequacy of God for the inadequacy of man, or the gospel of God for all the need of all men, I rest my defense in the nail-scarred hands of my Advocate and Chief Counsel, the Lord Jesus Christ. In my mind there is not a doubt concerning the final decision, for my Counsel is also the great Judge of all things. Praise God, Jesus is wonderful!

It was a dark and dreary day when in the garden Satan stormed the kingdom, robbing man of the benefits and blessings of heaven and stripping him of the righteousness of God, driving him in shame from the Edenic Paradise.

But it was a glad and glorious day when Jesus Christ at Calvary, clothed upon with the Spirit, defeated the devil and took from his greedy grasp the keys to the kingdom of God.

Somehow I think I would like to have been there on that first Easter morning, when Jesus broke the fetters of death and stepped from the tomb. I would have asked Him something like this, "Jesus, do you have a message for the world today?" I believe He would have said, "Tell the world that I was wounded for their transgressions, I was bruised for their iniquities." "Jesus do you have a message for your disciples?" "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." "Is there not a message for the Church?" "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." "Do you have a message for the ministry of the Church?" "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it



J. David Pitts

Luke 9:1, 2, "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." "Jesus, do you have a message for the sick and suffering?" "Go tell them that with my stripes they are healed." "Do you have a message for Satan?" "You go tell that fox that I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys . . ." That is the message of deliverance!

THERE IS A NEED IN THE WORLD FOR THE MESSAGE

Half of the population of the world has not heard the story of Jesus. They sit in the darkness of sin not even knowing that the Light has come. They are the victims of ignorance and superstition. Every day some twenty-eight thousand souls, many unprepared to meet God, go into eternity. There is a need in the world for the message of deliverance.

There is a tremendous need for

spiritual life. People must hear this message that they may be born again, regenerated by the power of the Spirit. They need to receive their Pentecostal baptism and be filled with the Spirit. Also, there is a great need for the peace of mind that Christ alone can give. So many are distressed, fearful and oppressed in mind. Then there are the multitudes who are sick and diseased. It seems that on every hand jails, prisons, hospitals, asylums and other institutions are full to overflowing. When Jesus was here He looked upon the crowds of destitute humanity and ministered to their needs. He wants that ministry to go on today. We must take the message of deliverance to the needy of the world.

THERE IS A NEED IN THE CHURCH FOR THE MESSAGE

In the average church you can give an invitation for the sinners to seek God and not many will respond. You can give the invitation for sanctification and Holy Ghost seekers and a few will come to pray. But give a call for the sick and suffering and a large part of the congregation will get to their feet and hurry into the prayer line. To me this is a great sign that there is an urgent need in the Church for someone to minister the message of deliverance.

THERE IS A NEED IN THE MINISTRY FOR THE MESSAGE

Too many preachers are living lives of defeat and despair. They preach that the gospel of Jesus Christ will meet the needs of the people yet they are unable to minister it. They preach it but are unable to practice it; it is a good theory but does not work in real experience. It sounds good to read in the Church teachings that healing for all is provided in the atonement. But when the sick and suffering stream from our church doors it makes the devil laugh in the face of the preacher.

If the ministry is to be successful and victorious we must be able to preach a gospel that will work; our deeds must catch up with our preach-

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CHRIST...

in the Midst of the Church

By JOHN CODY, Pastor, Carmi, Illinois

CHRIST APPEARED in the upper room to His disciples,
But what had happened before His appearance?
He had been condemned by the Jews.
He had been crucified by the Romans.

He had been placed in a tomb by those who loved Him.
This tomb was sealed with a Roman seal,
And a detachment of soldiers was left to guard it
Lest someone steal His body away.

At dawn on the first day of the week,
An earthquake brought forth a new life.
The stone was rolled away,
And the tomb was empty.

Angels from the throne of glory heralded the resurrection message,

"Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen," Luke 24:5, 6.

Oh, glorious was this resurrection day, this new day,
Which made Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, Conqueror of all—Conqueror of death, hell, and the grave.

The apostle Paul wrote of His conquering power when he said,

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:55.

In the book of Revelation Jesus testified of His resurrection power.

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of HELL AND OF DEATH," Revelation 1:18.

He met Mary Magdalene the morning of His resurrection.
He sent her to tell the good news to the others.
He met Peter sometime during that day.
He met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

After this, He appeared in the upper room.
There He was in person before His own.
There He was in all His glory and power before the Church.

This brings me to my subject:

"CHRIST IN THE MIDST OF THE CHURCH"

Text: John 20:19-23.

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in

the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

"And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

"And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained."

Before we can see Christ in the Church,
Before we can feel Christ in the Church,
It will be well to take notice of
The Church without Christ in its midst.

The Church without Christ in the midst would be a fearful one.

The disciples were fearful of the Sadducees and the high priest

Because these were the ones who had condemned their Lord to death.

They were afraid and had assembled with the doors shut.

They were fearful and were probably discussing their fears.

Had not these same men condemned their Lord to death?
Had they not permitted Him to be spit upon
And to be buffeted in the face?

"If they permitted our Leader to undergo this,
Would they not be after us next?"
The question might have arisen in their minds;
"What can we do without Christ in our midst?"

The answer to that question was and now is:
"You can do nothing if Christ is not in your midst."
They were fearful of the Pharisees,
Whom their Lord had dealt with so strongly, telling them that

They justified themselves before men and that they were an
Abomination in the sight of the Lord.

YES, HE TOLD THE PHARISEES that they were a generation of vipers.
Now would those same men seek vengeance on the disciples,

Who were fearful of that group of hypocrites?
Because Christ was not in their midst.

The church that permits hypocrites to rule it,
That permits hypocrites to stand in its way,
That permits hypocrites to weaken it,
And that permits hypocrites to strike fear into the members' hearts
Will be without Christ in its midst.

They were fearful of the crowd.
The same crowd that praised His entrance into Jerusalem
Was the same that screamed, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"
What would this wavering crowd do next?

They were fearful also because they had forsaken Christ.
They had seen many forsake the Lord during His ministry,
But would they? Never, for they said they would not!
Forsake Him they did, and it was at the time when He needed them most.
There they were, fearful, sorrowful, and perplexed over what they had done.

Here they were in a closed church
Because of their testimony.
They could not testify to outsiders, for they were so fearful.
They could not testify to the ones for whom Christ had died.

When a church can testify to Christ's goodness,
Only in an assembly of believers
When the spiritual tide is high,
And cannot testify out in the world

In the different walks of life
On the job,
Off the job,
And anywhere the opportunity affords such a testimony;
Then will that church become closed,
To its members,
And to others,
It will become a church without Christ in its midst.

The Church was closed because of the disciples' unbelief.
Mary Magdalene had told them the story of the risen Lord.

The two disciples who had been on the Emmaus Road told them,
But they believed not, for Mark tells us that Jesus
"Upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart," Mark 16:14.

It was closed because they had shut the doors.
Now let's sum up this church without Christ in its midst.
First, the disciples had forsaken and denied the Lord when He needed them most.
Second, they became fearful of the Jews, the high priest, and the Sadducees.

Third, they had assembled in a secret place.
Fourth, their testimonies were in secret, also.
Fifth, they did not believe the messengers of the Lord.
Sixth, they had closed their hearts, minds, and even the

doors of the Church because of their unbelief.

What then will it take to change a church like this?
It will take the presence of Jesus Christ.
Now let's look at a church in which Jesus Christ is present,
One with Christ in its midst.

A CHURCH WITH Christ in the midst is a happy church.
It is happy because of His living presence.
The text says, "... being the first day of the week ... came Jesus
And stood in the midst ... Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord."

Christ was visibly and spiritually present,
But today He dwells in His Spirit in the Church.
Therefore, a greater blessing is received, for Christ said, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed," John 20:29.

His presence in the early Church set it on fire.
"They worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:
And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God," Luke 24:52, 53.
Christ makes His presence known even to the smallest churches.
"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," Matthew 18:20.

With the presence of Christ, the Church changes
From being terrified and frightened
To being strong and courageous.
This was brought about by the living presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul knew the living Source of the Church when he wrote;
"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;
Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him," Colossians 3:16, 17.

And again he wrote:
"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," Ephesians 5:19, 20.
The church that meets together to serve a living Christ,
And to glorify, to magnify, and to worship a resurrected Christ
Will be warmed by His ever-abiding presence
And will be happy.

It will be happy because of the message He brings;
"Peace be unto you."
What was this peace?

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IT IS . . .

Family Altar Time in America

By NORMAN V. WILLIAMS

FORTY YEARS AGO, fifty per cent of Christian people had a family altar. Today, it is estimated that only five per cent of professing Christians have regular family worship. This forty-five per cent drop has done terrible things to the life and morals of Christians in particular and to the world in general! For example: The divorce rate forty years ago was one in every thirty-three marriages. Now it is one in every five. This fact alone indicates the terrible breakdown of the modern home.

How truly did Sarah Foulkes Moore speak when she said: "Another evidence of spiritual stupor in this tragic hour is the time employed in most Christian homes to the affairs of *this* life, to preparing meals, washing dishes and keeping the home and dress in strict conformity to worldly standards. Unmindful of the Lord's rebuke to Martha, the daughters of Zion employ most of their time and strength and money in serving the superficial, carnal needs of the Christian Home, while the spiritual needs of their own families and of a needy humankind are left in utter neglect. Is it any wonder that the work and witness of the Lord is in fearful apostasy and terrible declension because of the need of zealous daughters and stalwart sons of God to be about their Father's business?" We have decidedly left our Father's business almost entirely up to the church, Sunday School teachers, evangelists, and pastors, and have trusted that the hour or two a week they can spend with us and our young people would be sufficient.

The results are that our young people, fed on this starvation spiritual diet of one meal a week, are neither strong enough nor wise enough to live a holy, clean, God-honoring life. Judge Healy of the Juvenile Court of Detroit, addressing a Young People's Rally on July 7, 1945, said: "Eighty per cent of the youngsters arraigned in my court came from homes in which there has been no religious training." This idea is being substantiated time and again by youth leaders and pastors all over the land. There is a terrible ignorance of the basic principles of Biblical morality among our Christian youth. No wonder divorce is abounding on every hand since family worship dropped ninety per cent. Be not deceived; there is a vital relationship between the two. Never was the work of the Family Altar League more timely than in this critical hour. America indeed is in a severe famine of God's Word. We fear there are days of unspeakable horror ahead if this famine of God's Word is not soon remedied. In the famine of God's Word, life has become tragically cheap, meaningless, confused and frustrated. The answer to all this human degradation is the exaltation of Jesus Christ in His Word in every home of the land.

Donald F. Hoke, in *Christian Life*, tells us the moral standards of born-again youth are decaying and taking

on the sexy fleshly pattern of this godless age. The facts Donald Hoke revealed are amazing and should open the eyes of every mother and father in Christendom. In a well-known Bible Conference, Mr. Hoke reported that a questionnaire which the boys filled out revealed that 78 per cent of them between the ages of fifteen and twenty reported having had illicit sexual relations with girls, and most of this illicit behaviour occurred after conversion! It is family altar time in America!

It is high time to realize our boys and girls must be fed good, nourishing, spiritual food from God's Word every day. It is time to realize that one cannot live on one meal a week and be spiritually strong any more than one could be physically strong on one meal a week. Eighty per cent of the boys believe necking and petting are all right! Spiritual ignorance you say! Yes, you are correct but what can you expect of spiritual first graders? What can you expect of young people who have had to depend on one or two hours a week at church for all their religious training and education? That isn't time enough to receive even the elementary principles of a good scriptural foundation, let alone digest and assimilate such a knowledge! It is family altar time in America!

One wonders where the parents of these young people have been all these years that these young people should be so spiritually ignorant. One is sure, however, that wherever the parents have been—they have tragically shirked and evaded their God-given responsibility to the immortal souls of their children. Every parent is charged before God with the responsibility of training and bringing up his children in the knowledge, fear, love, and admonition of the Lord, and His Word.

Apart from a daily family altar it is absolutely impossible for any parent to discharge this God-given responsibility (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7). The Sunday School teacher and the pastor may *supplement* the parents' training and instructions in the home, but they cannot replace it. Parents who do not have daily family worship are soul and character murderers to their children. Such is plain language but the truth of the matter is just that plain and rugged. Think! In Mr. Hokes' experience he reveals that even at one Bible school a number of ministry and mission field students confessed to immoral practices! He reveals that at an internationally known Bible school, students knew of more than one instance where couples came back to school early for a rendezvous in the large city hotels.

MRS. W. C. MOORE, in *Herald of His Coming*, says, "A cry is wrung from our very souls as we look upon the sinfulness of this last generation. Recently reported in our daily press was an account of high school girls in their teens, spending whole week-ends in an orgy of sex, drink, and dope. Hardened police officers

were shocked at the depths of evil to which these teenagers had indulged with youths and sex perverts." Mr. Hoke reveals that there is a cesspool of filth and moral degradation in which all our youth are immersed from the early days in grade school on up through school. Only those youths who come from homes where fathers and mothers have been faithful day in and day out, in training their children in the love, truth, and worship of God, can hope to be wise and strong enough to escape. It is indeed family altar time in America!

After years of neglecting their family worship many parents wake up to see it is too late to save their children from the paganism all about them. Mother, Father, today there is still time to save the lives of your boy and girl for purity and holiness. Erect your family altar now without delay and be faithful in the daily practice of it. *Tomorrow may be too late!*

A young mother asked an evangelist when she should start training her child for God. The evangelist inquired the age of the child, and the mother replied: "He is five."

The evangelist answered: "You are five years late now. You have already missed the most valuable years of opportunity in your child's life. Go home at once and erect your family altar. With God's blessing upon your family worship you may be able to redeem some of the years the locusts of neglect have eaten!" Tom Paine said he was an infidel before he was five. He meant that the home is the molder and maker of men, and character. Before we were five, the foundation of emotion, mind and character was deeply laid by the life, influence, example and precept of the home. The home is the hand that writes history.

Once in days long ago mothers really took seriously the immortal souls of their children! They not only had family altar and led their children daily to the throne of God's grace, but they knew how to fast and pray for their sons' and daughters' spiritual welfare. They knew where their children were spiritually, and by spiritual instructions, fastings, and prayer, they were able, under God, to lead their children through many a dangerous time of spiritual doubt, frustration and defeat. One mother after faithfully sowing God's Word in family worship got desperate for the salvation of her son, and fasted and prayed for twenty-two days until he was saved! O for a return of old-fashioned family altars, Mothers and Fathers! Mother, Father, how is it with your child's soul? Is your child or loved one bound by liquor, lust, unbelief, uncertainty, worldliness? Then erect your family altar—get *desperate* and use God's appointed means for their full and complete deliverance!

Peter was in prison, "but prayer was made *without ceasing* by the church unto God for him" (Acts 12:3-5). God sent an angel to release Peter. Hannah got desperate! Hannah fasted, prayed and wept because she was barren. God took away the reproach of barrenness and gave her a prophet—even Samuel.

PAUL SAID he was *travelling* in soul until Christ should be formed in the Galatians. Paul's travail must have meant fastings, for he said in 2 Corinthians he was in fastings "oft." It must have meant much prayer, for he tells us to pray without ceasing. It must have meant entering into the very agonizing redemptive Calvary sufferings of Christ, for he spoke of the "fellowship of His sufferings." Mother, Father, do you have a desperate travail in your soul *until* Christ be formed full

and entire in the lives of your children? Just a few family altar parents like this would take care of the problems of "decaying morals amongst Christian Youth," in a hurry.

Our young people see so little real, deep, vital, sacrificial reality in our professions! No wonder they think so little of sin and believe Christianity is pink tea, cream puff, and not important enough for which to deny one's self. When children see their parents really willing to pay a *sacrificial price* and to get really desperate that they might be holy—they will then be convinced of the vital importance and worthwhileness of being holy! The mother from the coast of Canaan (Matthew 15:22) was desperate, and was willing to take any rebuff, insult or hardship that Christ would loose her daughter from Satan's power. After considerable testing the Lord Jesus said, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Yes, it is family altar time in America! We need real consecrated family altars with mothers and fathers who are willing to train their children in His Word and to get *desperate* for their spiritual well-being. The fact is the whole church of Christ needs reviving! We are in a dreadfully cold spiritual state; nothing less than revival will really meet the problem set forth by the decaying morals of our born-again young people. When the church is cold and formal the people become worldly and indifferent. We say without hesitation that if every pastor were a family altar enthusiast, evangelist, and promoter—revival would come in a hurry. The way to revive the church is to revive the home.

Years ago Thomas Boston was burdened over the cold spiritual state of his church. His church was not only cold spiritually but practically empty. He decided that the way to bring revival to his church and community was to establish the family altar in every home and community. He went from home to home in his community, leading people to Christ and establishing family altars. After nearly three years of such intense labor, almost every home in his church and community had a family altar. Revival fires were burning in his church; multitudes of rejoicing saints and seeking sinners would crowd the church every Sunday. The whole community was stirred for God, and lives were transformed to live in the light of His holiness. Thomas Baxter followed exactly the same procedure in his spiritually cold parish and with exactly the same results. Lives were transformed to live for God, and revival followed the establishing of family altars in the homes of his community. We could mention other pastors who have worked the same principle with the same results.

Pastor Otterbein came to the North Austin Lutheran Church when it was first organized twenty-eight years ago, and had seen it grow to its present membership of 5,400. The reason for this phenomenal growth according to all who know is the systematic house visitation to members by the pastor, encouraging them to set up and maintain effective family altars in their homes. Now three services are required on Sunday morning to serve all the people who come to church.

This is a sound, basic principle of revival that never fails to achieve the blessed fruits of spiritual awakening. It is family altar time in America!

If we are willing to pay the price to make our homes holy and Christ-exalting, we can have a revival from God that will more than take care of the problem of "decaying morals amongst our young people."

YOU HAVE often heard the statement, "heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people." Even so, it can be just as definitely said, "hell is a prepared place."

Many have asked the question, "Will a loving God send people to hell?" You will note that our text declares that hell was "prepared for the devil and his angels." God does not want people in hell. Hell was not originally planned for that purpose. However, people make their own choice and go to hell as intruders over the wishes of God and everyone else concerned. God has done everything possible to keep people out of hell, but the final choice is left up to man, as a free moral agent.

A roadblock is something to cause one to stop something put in the way to block an entrance. There are a number of roadblocks that have been placed on the road to hell by a loving God to warn the sinner and bring a halt to his perilous journey. In spite of the many roadblocks that God has provided, many have ignored or trampled them underfoot and thus it remains "the wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God."

I would like to discuss at least seven roadblocks that a man must trample underfoot in order to get to hell. There are many others.

I will call roadblock number one, "THE MERCIES OF GOD."

If it were not for the mercies of God, you would now be in hell instead of reading this message.

Peter declares, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is *longsuffering* to us-ward, *not willing that any should perish*, but that all should come to repentance," 2 Peter 3:9. "God is not willing." What a tremendous statement! What is it that God is not willing for us to do? Ponder this precious truth! "God is not willing that any should perish." He has proved His unwillingness for people to be lost by extending mercy—"But is longsuffering!" Can't you feel the depths of God's love in that statement? He is unwilling that rebellious sinners perish, extending unmerited mercy to keep them from so doing.

One of the greatest examples of mercy is the story of the antediluvians preceding the destruction of the world by a flood in the days of Noah. God is no less merciful today; He is still unwilling for you to be lost. If you go to hell you must trample underfoot *the mercies of God*.

Roadblock number two is "THE BLOOD OF JESUS."

The second person of the Holy Trinity is equally concerned in your salvation. Nearly two thousand years ago He left the Ivory courts of glory, was born of a lowly virgin, lived as peasant boy in Nazareth, and traveled as an itinerant preacher throughout the regions of Galilee. He was betrayed by a personal follower, condemned in a mock trial, led away to rugged Golgotha, nailed to a crude wooden cross, and there bled and died. Why—questions of questions! Let the Galilean answer it for Himself. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," John 10:10b.

He simply meant that if men go to hell they will have to go over His dead body. He provided a bloody roadblock on the road to hell. In order for man to go there he must bypass Calvary. No one can go to hell by the way of Calvary. Calvary leads to life; the broad road leads to destruction.

ROADBLOCKS on the Road

By EARL T. GOLDEN, Pastor,

Matthew 25:41b, "Depart from me, ye who are in the everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."
Psalm 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

Roadblock number three is "THE ENTREATY OF THE HOLY GHOST."

We shall now consider the roadblock thrown up by the third member of the Godhead—the blessed Holy Spirit.

Jesus told His followers that when the Holy Spirit came He would reprove or convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment. There is not a sinner reading this sermon but who has at sometime or perhaps even now is hearing a still small voice within him saying, "Give thy heart to God." This is, indeed, the Holy Ghost throwing up a roadblock between you and an everlasting, burning hell. He is seeking to slow you down in your mad rush toward eternity and to turn your eyes toward Calvary. He will "convict." That is His work; that is His part in detouring you from destruction.

The Bible speaks of "quenching" the Holy Spirit, of "grieving" the Holy Spirit, and of "vexing" the Holy Spirit. Every sin that we commit is against the Holy Ghost and will ultimately lead to that one that can never be forgiven in this world or the next. Why not heed His tender wooings and realize that He is trying to block your way to an everlasting hell "prepared for the devil and his angels." The Holy Trinity is agreed that if man goes to hell he will have to go as an intruder having overriden every roadblock that has been erected to block his way.

Roadblock number four is "THE EFFORTS OF THE CHURCH."

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come," Revelation 22:17a.

Added to the efforts of the Godhead to keep people out of hell are the efforts of the Church—the bride of Christ. The church is truly saying "Come" to a lost and dying world.

Think of the years of labor, tears of sorrow, and the millions of dollars that have gone to build churches, broadcast, publish and preach the gospel! All of these things, indeed, make the greatest enterprise in the world and a tremendous roadblocking campaign to keep souls out of hell.

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Road to Hell

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rget God."

We think of the effort of the church to block the road to hell by every gospel sermon, every sacred song, every fundamental broadcast and telecast, every fundamental periodical and other gospel literature, every church building program, every mission board—both home and foreign. The effort mounts to inestimable proportions!

For example, the minister who has forsaken houses, lands and kindred, suffers, weeps, sweats, works, and prays, has as his motivating vision the lost as they scramble hell-ward as sheep led to the slaughter. Ponder this! Sinner, will you hurdle this stupendous roadblock of churches and Christians everywhere and dash onward to destruction?

Roadblock number five is "THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE."

"Heaven and earth shall pass away but *my words shall not pass away*," Matthew 24:35.

No other book has done as much to block the road to hell as the Book of Books—God's Holy Word, the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation it has repeatedly sounded warnings to the lost and served faithfully as a roadmap to travelers on their way to the celestial city.

In spite of all the efforts of the modernist, skeptic, agnostic, atheist, and infidel to destroy it, the Bible has stood its ground while its enemies lie decaying in the dust of time. "Towering o'er the wrecks of time" stands this gigantic roadblock. Only the foolhardy would ignore it in his perilous plunge to the pit of doom.

In the Old Testament the warning sounds out, "the soul that sinneth it shall die." In the New Testament we find its counterpart, "the wages of sin is death." Scores of Biblical examples are given to prove the terrible truth of these admonitions. Yet thousands, yea millions, have trampled its precious pages underfoot and have plunged with increasing momentum toward the prison of the soul from which there is no escape. Will you do likewise?

Roadblock number six is "THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS."

"If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, *he shall ask, and he shall give him life for*

them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death," 1 John 5:16-17. It would be impossible to number the people that have been kept out of hell because some one threw a barricade of prayers between them and eternal destruction.

See Abraham pleading for Lot's deliverance from Sodom, Moses pleading for sinning Israel or Paul for his spiritually blind fellowmen, and you get a picture of what it means to build a roadblock of prayer. It is impossible to overestimate the value of intercessory prayer. Many of our greatest ministers, workers and soul winners can directly trace the beginning of their search for eternal life to the prayers of a loved one or friend. Take the praying fathers and mothers out of the world today and you remove one of the most feared enemies of the satanic army.

There is never a moment day or night but that somewhere people are praying. They are throwing their bodies across the broad road and saying, "Son, daughter, neighbor, friend, if you go to hell it will be over my body." Sinner, will you do it?

Roadblock number seven is "THE TRAGIC EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED UNSAVED BEFORE US."

Nearly everyone has his own particular "death-bed" story that he personally knows about. Some people severely criticize the preacher for relating these incidents in his sermons. They say that it appeals to the emotions only and produces a scared decision that will not last. Be that as it may. Did it ever occur to you that some day you will have a "death-bed" story of your very own? Will it be similar to many others you have heard before?

To me, every tragic death and funeral is a grim reminder of the consequences of unrepented sin. I believe that these dying testimonies are another of the many roadblocks that obstruct the path of doom. Surely if a person would ever listen to a voice, it would be that of a dying man. Surely if the truth was ever uttered by mortal lips, it would be those that are quivering in death. I have known of several cases where the dying pled with the living urging them to make the preparation that they, alas, had failed to make.

Even the Bible records the testimony not of a dying man but of the man after he had died and entered into hell. You will find the account in Luke 16. It appears that one of the thoughts that occupied his mind was of his brothers that were still alive and in this world. We hear him pleading, with no avail, to father Abraham to have some one take a personal message from hell to earth to warn his brothers and throw a roadblock between them and eternal judgment.

Even the occupants of hell do not wish the company of other sinners. The newcomers' weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth would only add to their already intolerable suffering. There is not a sinner in hell who would not be glad to throw a roadblock in the way of any sinner on his way to a like fate, if he could only do so. If you, dear sinner, go to hell, you go as an intruder over the wishes of those who are already there.

You will readily see how utterly foolish and unreasonable are such questions as "Why does God send people to hell?" and "Will a loving God send people to hell?" when you begin to ponder upon the great lengths that God has

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ing; we must be able to practice what we preach. There is a need in the ministry for the message!

IT IS A BIBLE MINISTRY TO WHICH GOD CALLS MEN

REFERRING to our text, we notice that Christ gave those whom He called power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases. When He commissioned the disciples, He told them to cast out devils and to lay hands on the sick and they should recover. This is a Bible ministry.

When God called Moses out of the Midian desert and let him put his feet to the fire, He promised him a ministry of the supernatural. God went with him and used him as a preacher of deliverance who performed miracles of healing and gave signs and wonders as divine credentials. Elijah was called and anointed of God as a prophet of deliverance. God confirmed his ministry with the signs that follow believers. He was able to minister in the realm of the supernatural because he was the servant of a supernatural God. So on it goes throughout the Old Testament. God calls a man and gives him divine power and authority to perform his ministry.

It was always so in the New Testament too. The Lord Jesus who was such a Master at calling men was also able to send them forth. He gave them power and authority to face all the forces of hell and be more than overcomers. He bestowed upon them the ability to minister to the needs of the people. As they went they bound the forces of evil and loosed the powers of good. They ministered to the spiritual, mental, and physical needs of the people. Through the preaching of the gospel they brought people into proper relationship with Jesus. By the power of Christ they cast out evil spirits that tormented minds, and they healed sick and diseased bodies. They were Bible preachers with a Bible

ministry. This is the Bible ministry into which God calls men.

MY SPECIAL CALL

Fifteen years ago in the little town of Mooresville, North Carolina, God sweetly saved my soul. Later he sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. When I received the filling of the Spirit, God confirmed my call into the ministry and also led me into the Church of God. After pastoring for twelve years and seeing people blessed through my ministry I felt I still needed more of God. I began to fast and pray. Food lost its taste; sleep went from eyes; I had no desire to be among people; I was hungry for God. We are told in the Word of God to ask and we shall receive; seek and we shall find; knock and it shall be opened. Again we are told that if we hunger and thirst after righteousness we *shall be filled!* Well, my brother, I became an asker; I was a seeker; I was a knocker; I was hungering and thirsting after God. I was seeking first the kingdom of God, and I believed all needed things would be added unto me.

On an evening in 1953—the last Sunday in April—I came home to the parsonage after a very busy and wonderful week end. God really had been good to me and had given me souls for my labor. I remember that as I dozed off to sleep that night, the last thing in my mind was that hungering and thirsting after God. I wanted God more than I did anything in the whole wide world. The next morning I was a changed man. Never again would I be the same preacher, pastor, husband, father or brother, because the angel of the presence of the Lord had appeared to me that night.

I sought God for three weeks before I would tell my people about what had happened to me. Then the Lord laid it upon my heart to tell my experience on my broadcast, the "Church of God Hour." For six years I had been on this Mutual station and I had a large listening audience. My program

had been highly rated in a rating of all programs in the city. The devil told me that if I preached that message on the air people would cut me off as a religious fanatic. One Saturday morning I announced my subject and told how the Lord had appeared to me and promised to increase and enlarge my ministry. To make a long story short, the response was wonderful. People wrote to tell me that they believed what I had said and to request me to pray for them. Before this time my broadcast had been strictly evangelistic.

Later I was led of the Spirit to start a salvation, healing, and faith revival in the church where I had pastored for many years. I shall never forget the first night when I called for a prayer line. People who had been saved under my ministry and knew me as their only pastor, little children that I had known all their lives, and people of my own life and ministry, stood there for prayer. The devil said, "You'll never heal a one of them." I said, "I know it." But then Jesus said, "You are not supposed to heal them anyway, I am the Healer." Then it happened! As I laid my hands upon them in His wonderful name, He healed them through His mighty power. Time or space will not suffice to tell of the crooked eyes straightened, the blind eyes opened, the diseases healed, the deaf ears unstopped, and the many other wonderful answers to believing prayer that were given.

In conclusion, I must tell you that I preach this message of salvation for the soul, peace for the mind, healing for the body, and filling for the life because I cannot do otherwise. As long as there is a need in the world for the message, as long as there is a need in the Church for the message, as long as there is a need in the ministry for the message, as long as it is a Bible ministry to which God calls men, as long as I feel this special call upon my life, *I will preach the message of deliverance!*

CHRIST IN THE MIDST OF THE CHURCH

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It was "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding," Philippians 4:7.

There is peace when He is in the midst.

There is unity when He is in the midst.

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common," Acts 2:44.

It resulted in the Church's being steadfast.

It was steadfast in the doctrine.

It was steadfast in fellowship.

It was steadfast in the sacrament;

And it was steadfast in prayer.

This resulted in a joyful and happy church,

For they continued "daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added daily such as should be saved," Acts 2:46, 47.

It was happy because of His works.
"He shewed unto them his hands and his side,"
The signs of a crucified Christ,
The apex of a finished work.

This was a work that glorifies the kingdom of God,
That grants freely a saving grace to a lost and dying world.

For "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him," Acts 10:38.

Christ is the Miracle Worker.
He is the Great Teacher.
He is the Great Physician, and He is All in all today,
For, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever," Hebrews 13:8.

THERE HE WAS standing, moving,
Speaking, eating and living in their midst.
Through His vicarious suffering, conquering death, and victorious resurrection,
He proved that He was and is all and above all.

Now He speaks to the Church;
"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father," John 14:12.

A church with Christ in the midst will be a working church.

The commission is urgent and the field is the world.
"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," Matthew 28:19.

And in the text Jesus said, "... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

What kind of church is to carry out this commission?
Will it be a Christless church?
Will it be a dead church?
Will it be carried out by a satisfied church?

No, it will not! Then who will carry it out?
A working church motivated by the message of Christ,
A lively church serving a resurrected Christ,
And a church with Christ in its midst
Will carry it out.

This Great Commission was threefold
That Jesus Christ was the Messiah,
That Jesus Christ was resurrected,
And that Jesus Christ was coming again.

This message being preached with power caused men to say,
"These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also," Acts 17:6.

If this same message were preached today,
It would bring lost mankind rushing to God,
Cleansing and sanctifying power to the believers,

Baptism of the Holy Ghost to do the task,
And this would result in signs following the believers.

May every time we come together,
Every time we offer prayer,
Every time we worship in songs,
Every message we preach,
And everything we do be done in, for, and with the Lord Jesus Christ, so that He might have the honor and the glory forever, Amen.

The church with Christ in its midst is a working church,
Because Christ has provided the necessary equipment.
"He breathed on them and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

Paul followed up this need of power by saying,
"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," Ephesians 6:10, 11.

The church with Christ in its midst is a working church,
Because it has divine authority in its possession.

"Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained."

Jesus said, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven," Matthew 16:19.

Yes, the church that is a happy, working church,
That has Christ in its midst has this consolation from the words of a resurrected Christ:

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," Matthew 28:20.



ROADBLOCKS ON THE ROAD TO HELL

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taken to keep people from going there.

Hell was not originally meant for man. In order to go there, he must hurdle every roadblock and trample underfoot every barricade that God has, in love, provided to keep him from destruction. When all is summed up and the final analysis made, the final, and many times fatal, decision rests with man himself, for he is a free moral agent possessing the power of choice between good and evil.

Dear friend, please stop a minute and let us reason together. Here are only a few of the many roadblocks you must ignore in order to get to hell. Will you ignore these warnings and make your way unwanted and unwelcome to the regions of the damned from whence there is no return?

Jesus tenderly stands with outstretched, nail-riven hands extending to you **LIFE**—now and forevermore.

Will you heed the words of the lyricist, Will L. Thompson?

*"Come home, Come home,
Ye who are weary, come home.
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home."*



MITCHELL, Ill.—I would like to take this opportunity to praise the good Lord for healing my body of cancer. I suffered severe cramping pains in my stomach for eighteen months before I gave in and went to a doctor. I was sure I had cancer but when I came into the Church of God and learned that we could be healed by God's power, I made up my mind to trust God. I had been healed of many different ailments before I was stricken with cancer. I began to read my Bible and study. I knew the faith was in my heart, but little did I know it would have to be tried. I knew the Lord would heal my body for He said "I am the LORD that healeth thee." I prayed, and every time I went to church I had prayer for my body, but somehow I could not get the victory. After a year of suffering and trusting I really began to have bad health. At times I became bedfast. The saints would come and pray, and I would get up and go on with my work. I have a family and I thought I had to keep going in order to help take care of my children. I guess it was a good thing or I might have given up. Never for one time did I doubt in my heart but what I would be healed. I was not afraid; I knew I was standing on God's promises and in due time I would be healed. All the assurance I had was that which I felt in my heart. At times it seemed as if the whole world were darkness.

After eighteen months of severe suffering I decided to go to the doctor for an examination. He pronounced my affliction to be cancer in the last stages and sent me to the clinic of the Jewish hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. There they made many x-rays of my body and gave me all types of tests. Cancer showed up to be so far advanced that they could not operate and they said that it would be useless to give treatment. Although they thought it was useless, they gave me the x-ray and radium treatments. After four months, I was sent home a hopeless case—they had done all they could do. I came home and began all the suffering again. The pain was so severe that I cried all the time. I knew unless God did undertake I wasn't going to last long. The doctor said the cancer had eaten so close to the blood vessels that at any time one might burst and that would bring the end of my life.

Bless God, He knows when to move! The doctors had not told me anything about my condition, but my sister came to see me and told me all about it. She told me there was no need of my lying on the bed dying when God could heal me. I told her to call Brother R. E. Nuzum, pastor of the Church of God in St. Louis. I had been listening to his radio broadcast about the success he was having in praying for people. Somehow I knew when I said "Call Brother Nuzum" that God was going to heal my body. Brother Nuzum came in and talked to me. He told me several things that helped to

increase my faith. He also told me God was going to heal me and what to expect after the prayer. Oh, praise God! I didn't feel a great touch of the Lord when he prayed, but I felt freedom. The demon that had bound me in body for two years was gone. I'll never forget how free I felt. Brother Nuzum went into the kitchen and talked to my mother and sister, and all at once heaven came down on me. I jumped out of bed and began shouting the victory all over the house. Brother Nuzum told me I would be very sick for the cancer was cursed by the Lord. He said when it withered and pulled loose from my body, it would cause severe pain. In an hour I turned deathly sick and called my mother. About that time I began to vomit and the part of the cancer that had eaten up into my stomach was expelled. I could feel every root of that cancer pull loose from my body. After two days I really began to suffer, and after five days I began to have abdominal pains. Then on the sixth night a blood vessel burst, and I hemorrhaged very badly. I never knew where the cancer went; they took me to the hospital and I was given four pints of blood. After staying there a week, I was sent home. The doctors told my family I could not possibly live, and if I had another hemorrhage like that I surely would go. Even that didn't shake my faith. A week later two blood vessels burst. I hemorrhaged until I was so weak I could not turn over in bed. They put me in a ward to die. I said, "I commit it all to your keeping, dear Lord." Then I went into a coma which lasted for three days. Brother Nuzum came and prayed for me again and I am still here today, alive to tell the story. They gave me eleven pints of blood before the bleeding stopped. I began to mend slowly after the prayer, but I knew I was going to live. They intended to get me a wheel chair because they said I could not walk. I kept wondering about the wheel chair, so one night I decided to find out what was wrong. I got out of bed and stood on my feet and I saw what they meant. I was too weak to even stand, but I still had the Lord with me. I walked around the bed by holding to it. The next day when they mentioned the wheel chair, I told them I wouldn't need it because I intended to go about on my two feet. My legs were weak, but I grew stronger. I went to my mother in Tennessee for special care; I began to get better. I weighed less than one hundred pounds when I went there, but after nine weeks I came back home a different person. Today I weigh 143 pounds. I want to say to anyone who is sick with cancer, "If you will hold to your faith and never doubt, you can be healed."

If I had not been healed, I wouldn't

be here today, but I had to have faith and patience. God will have a tried people; I love Him supremely above everything in this world. He stood by me in the valley of the shadow of death, and if He hadn't done so I couldn't have lived. He has healed my children many times of colds, fevers, bad tonsils, side aches, headaches, mumps and many different things. Isn't it wonderful to have a friend like Jesus? We can't see Him but still we are blessed because we believe in Him. —Mrs. Louella Fisher.

MEYERSDALE, Pa.—I thank the Lord for the healing of my body. For several months after my first child's birth I suffered from low blood pressure. This condition was getting very serious, and I could not do the work that was necessary in the caring for my home and child. During our recent revival Brother Boring, our pastor, prayed for me, and God gloriously answered our prayers. I now am able to do all of my work and I feel fine. I want to give Jesus all the honor, the glory, and praise, for truly He is a wonderful Saviour.—Mrs. Blaine Sechler. Attested by Walter Boring, Pastor.

WEBB, Miss.—I praise the Lord for His great healing power. While I was sick with the flu for about a month, I had the doctor and took medicine, but I was getting worse all the time. One Saturday night my throat gave me such pain that it seemed as if I couldn't stand it. I was coughing nearly all the time, and though I took some cough syrup it didn't do any good. I decided to trust God. I began to cry and pray and, praise God, my throat was healed. The next morning Brother and Sister Jack Williams, my pastor and his wife, came and prayed for me. God healed me that morning and I got up and cooked dinner. I have gained my strength day by day until I am strong enough to do my work as I always have. I do praise God for His wonderful healing power. —Mrs. Lorene McCullough.

FRAZER, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for saving and healing my husband and me on February 15, 1955, at the Church of God at 1234 Mississippi Boulevard in Memphis, Tennessee, when Brother A. S. Worley prayed for us. I was heading for a gall bladder operation, and my husband had been suffering with a very severe head condition. Both of us were sinners, but now we are working for Jesus. I had my first gall bladder attack when my baby was five weeks old. I was put in the hospital and took all kinds of tests and x-rays. The doctor said my bladder was non-functioning and I would have to have an operation. He sent me home and put me on a diet, but I had another attack on Monday night before I was healed on Tuesday night. Thank you, Jesus! I came to the revival almost dead. I was suffering so much that when I bent over I couldn't straighten up. I went through the

healing line believing that Jesus could heal me and would if I believed in Him and had faith in Him. I did believe and praise Him, I am well and feeling like a new person. We are so happy to be His children.

My husband had also been suffering with severe headaches caused by cataracts on the back of his eyeballs. The doctor said it would take several hundreds of dollars for an operation, and then they could not assure him that he would not go blind. But he also was healed on the same night that I was healed and has felt wonderful since. Thanks to precious Jesus!

It surely is wonderful to be on the Lord's side. I pray that the ones that read my message and are sick or sinners will put their trust in Him and serve Him for He is a wonderful Jesus.—Marshall and Pauline Peak. Attested by A. S. Worley.

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—Some time ago I got a piece of grass in my mouth, and a small piece of the grass stem got stuck in my throat. I could not get it out or swallow it. My throat kept giving me trouble and would sometimes bleed when I ate. Finally, I went to a doctor who advised me to see a throat specialist. Instead, I went home and called for the church people to pray for me. I was not healed then, but later while I was alone reading the testimonies in the *Evangel* my faith was built up and I was healed. I got up from my bed right then, went out, and spit up the grass stem.—Edna Hall.

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BLAKELY, Ga.—I praise the Lord for healing my baby. She was terribly sick and had been so for two days and nights. I believe she had pneumonia because she had a terrible rattling in her lungs. She had an awfully bad cold and was having extremely high fevers. We carried her to Damascus Road Church of God where I am a member, and Sister Laura Toler, our pastor, prayed for her. In ten minutes my baby's fever was gone and the rattling had stopped. By the next morning her cold was almost gone. I can not ever praise the Lord enough for healing her. We have not taken her to a doctor or given her any medicine except a piece of aspirin before Sister Toler prayed for her. I desire the prayers of every praying person that I will always be centered in God's will and be found doing the things He would have me to do. —Mrs. Pixie Floyd. Attested by Laura Toler, Pastor.

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FORREST CITY, Ark.—I thank God for the miracle which He performed for me some time ago. My left lung began to hurt me and seemed as if it were going to tear out every time I pulled on my tractor wheel with my left hand. My family went to Oral Roberts' tent meeting one night, but I did not feel like going. When they came back from church, an awful cramping began in my left lung and I had two bad spells that night with it.

A few days after this my lung began to bleed. I spit up blood until I was hardly able to do a days work because I was so weak. Later my wife received a letter from my niece who wanted to know if I had gone through the prayer line during Brother Roberts' tent meeting. I said no because I did not feel like I should. It was not because I did not have confidence in Brother Roberts and his prayers, but I felt as if the same God could heal me in my own church through the prayers of the church members and the pastor. I think we members should begin to have more confidence in the prayers

of our pastor and the other members of our own church. If we did, there would be more miracles performed in our churches. I went to church Sunday night, and Brother Walter and the members of the church prayed for me. I began thanking God right then for my healing. My lung bled all day Monday. It seemed as if it bled worse than before, but I kept praising the Lord for my healing. During the night it stopped bleeding and has not bled any more. I don't know what was wrong with my lung, but I do thank the Lord for healing me. Praise His wonderful name—Levi J. McGarity.

CAMP MEETINGS 1955

STATE	DATE	PLACE
ALABAMA	July 4-10	Campground, Birmingham
ARKANSAS	July 4-10	Bald Knob
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA	June 20-26	Tulare
COLORADO-UTAH	June 6-12	Methodist Campground, Palmer Lake, Colorado (H. L. Diffie, speaker)
DELAWARE-D.C.-MARYLAND	August 8-14	Campground, Hurlock, Maryland (Vep Ellis, speaker)
FLORIDA	June 14-23	Campground, Wimauma (Ray Hughes, speaker)
GEORGIA	July 4-10	Campground, Doraville
IDAHO	June 23-July 2	Baptist Youth Camp, Coeur d'Alene (Vep Ellis, speaker)
ILLINOIS	June 20-26	Campground, Benton
INDIANA	July 12-16	Austin
IOWA	August 2-7	Hickory Grove, Ottumwa
KANSAS	June 6-12	Cherryvale (L. H. Aultman, speaker)
KENTUCKY	June 13-18	Campground, Lexington
LOUISIANA	August 2-7	Monroe
MICHIGAN	July 18-23	Flint
MISSISSIPPI	June 14-19	Hattiesburg (Vep Ellis, speaker)
MISSOURI	July 18-23	Methodist Campground, Arcadia
MONTANA-WYOMING	July 11-16	Livingston, Montana
NEBRASKA	June 22-25	Omaha
NEW ENGLAND STATES	July 25-31	Appleton, Maine
NEW JERSEY	July 21-24	Pleasantville, N. J.
	July 7-10	New York City
NEW MEXICO	August 2-6	Carlsbad (C. R. Spain, speaker)
NEW YORK	July 11-17	Riverside Campground, Riparius
NORTH CAROLINA	July 4-10	Campground, Charlotte
NORTH & SOUTH DAKOTA	June 28-July 5	Campground, Minot
OHIO	June 6-11	Methodist Campground, Lancaster (D. C. Boatwright, speaker)
OKLAHOMA	August 1-7	Campground, Chandler
OREGON-WASHINGTON	June 28-July 4	Woodland, Washington
PENNSYLVANIA	July 25-August 6	Campground, Somerset
SOUTH CAROLINA	July 4-10	Campground, Mauldin
TENNESSEE	July 4-10	Campground, Chattanooga (Ray H. Hughes, speaker)
TEXAS	June 3-10	Campground, Weatherford
VIRGINIA	June 20-25	Roanoke
WEST VIRGINIA	July 18-23	Beckley (Earl P. Paulk, Sr., speaker)
WISCONSIN	July 1-4	Wausau
MINNESOTA	June 2-5	1534 E. 24th St., Minneapolis
CENTRAL CANADA	July 25-31	London
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religious news



(MNS) COLOMBIA—On February 23, near Quibdo, a GOSPEL MISSIONARY UNION worker was attacked and brutally beaten. Jose Antonio Sanchez and a companion from the congregation at Isleta were traveling by canoe on the Arquia River. Sanchez was walking along the shore while his companion guided the canoe through a difficult spot, when two young men armed with knives approached him. They asked where he was going to hold services that night. He answered them and inquired whether they had ever heard the gospel. They replied that they had not.

The two kept following behind Sr. Sanchez, and when he stopped to avoid a tree limb obstructing the path, they attacked him with their knives, shouting, "Go to hell to preach your gospel." The man in the canoe was too far away to realize what was happening. When some people living nearby ran out to defend the victim, the attackers fled. The wounded man was taken to the nearby town of Tagachi, where his wounds were attended.

It is reliably reported from Colombia that a "Protestant worker" near Bogota disappeared without a trace about two months ago. Diligent search has been made, but the missing worker has not been found.

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—Rev. Jacob DeShazer, the former Doolittle bombardier who is now a widely known missionary to Japan, is returning to America this month.

During the war while in a Japanese prison, his intense hatred for the Japanese was changed into love from reading the Bible, and he received a call to return to Japan with the gospel instead of bombs. This call he answered after graduating from Seattle Pacific College.

Since 1949 he has been in Japan as a missionary under the Free Methodist Church, and has seen a revival sweep the islands. He recently reported 3,500 decisions for Christ under his ministry.

Mr. DeShazer returned to the United States in 1952 to attend the annual reunion of the Doolittle raiders, held in San Diego, California. On his present visit to America, he will study in Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

(MNS) BELGIUM—A missionary of the Eastern European Mission reports that one of the evangelicals in Mylen, patient in a Catholic hospital, was placed in an isolation ward in order

to keep him from witnessing of Christ to other patients.

(MNS) In Argentina there is a new law which says that all religious meetings must be held in churches. This will hinder the outreach of the Gospel through campaigns and large conferences.

NO ATHEISTS FOUND AMONG U.S. NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS

(EP) U.S. nuclear scientists have no atheists among their ranks—"not a single one." This report is being made by Colonel John D. Craig, a former Army man commsioned by the Government to photograph the atomic explosions at the original Bikini and Eniwetok tests, in current lectures before preachers and in church-sponsored meetings.

Colonel Craig illustrates his lectures, "Atoms and Atolls," with awe-inspiring photographs. Evangelicals who have seen them declare them to be "both exalting and terrifying."

The ex-Army photographer tells how one of the more recent hydrogen bombs not only caused an island to disappear but "blew a hole in the ocean bottom a mile in diameter and seventy-five feet deep." Despite this fact, according to Craig, "only about one-thousandth of the potential power of the bomb had been actually released, since the nuclear bombs are only about one-tenth of one per cent efficient."

"There are no atheists among the nuclear scientists—not a single one. When they succeeded in splitting the atom, they realized that for the first time man had stepped into the realm of creation, that it was divine Sovereignty speaking to him, and that man had better listen to what his Creator was saying to him. For now two destinies were offered to man. The very power that was active in creation had been placed at his disposal, and he could use it either for untold blessings or for his own undoing. Once more he had been confronted with the age-old alternative of choosing between life and death."

"The Nile Mother," a Christian film which tells the story of missionary Lillian Trasher, had its world premiere in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on May 19. Miss Trasher, an Assemblies of God missionary, is "Mamma" to 9,000 orphans in Assiut. The film was made in Egypt by Hal Hermans.

(MNS) The Greek Government has

just granted a permit for the rebuilding of the First Evangelical Church in Athens. This is the oldest Evangelical church in Greece, established over a hundred years ago. The Greek Orthodox Archbishop gave his immediate and glad consent for the granting of this permit. Greek law requires that before the civil government can grant a permit for the building of a non-Greek Orthodox church it is necessary for the local Greek Orthodox Bishop to give his consent.

The First Evangelical Church is located opposite the Parthenon and at the foot of the Acropolis, very close to Constitution Square. Already \$15,000 has been contributed by the local congregation toward the erection of this historic church in the heart of Athens.

Japan has the highest percentage of literates of any country in the world—even higher than the United States.

(MNS) The Government of Venezuela has ordered the reopening of the Protestant churches in the State of Portuguesa.

In December 1954 all Protestant churches in Portuguesa were ordered closed by the Governor of the State. This action came as the result of the efforts of the Catholic clergy (particularly the newly-appointed bishop of that State) to keep Portuguesa a "Holy State" free from defilement by Protestantism. The order affected churches of the United World Mission, the Assemblies of God, and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The order to reopen the churches was issued by the Venezuelan Ministry of Justice.

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